

ABSTRACT of the INVENTION

Tools for determining and adjusting the setting of an adjustable valve are disclosed.

These tools allow a medical professional to locate and non-invasively determine the setting

of an implanted valve. After the valve has been located and the setting of the valve

determined, the valve may be re-adjusted non-invasively. There are three tools: a locator

tool, an indicator tool and an adjustment tool. The locator tool allows the physician to

locate the adjustable valve of interest and align the locator tool with a specific orientation of

the valve. The indicator tool indicates the current setting of the adjustable valve and

confirms new settings of the valve after the new settings have been implemented. The

adjustment tool interacts magnetically with the implanted adjustable valve to couple with a

movable internal element to change the setting of the valve. The indicator tool and the

adjustment tool physically cooperate with the locator tool to accomplish the respective

functions of the tools.